

Introduced by Senator Machado
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43—Relative to Women Veterans' Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 43, as introduced, Machado. Women Veterans' Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 99 as the Women Veterans' Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers so designating that portion of State Highway Route 99 and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Throughout our country's history, nearly two
- 2 million women have attained the esteemed title of veteran because
- 3 of their service to the United States; and
- 4 WHEREAS, In 1999, women comprised 14 percent of all
- 5 Americans in military uniform and accounted for 20 percent of all
- 6 new recruits; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Though women were not permitted to participate
- 8 in the United States' armed forces in earlier years, historical
- 9 records verify that over 60 women were either wounded or killed
- 10 at various battles during the Civil War; and
- 11 WHEREAS, In 1901, the United States' Army recognized
- 12 women's enthusiasm to serve our country by establishing the first



1 official entity for women named the Army Nurse Corps without
2 providing the benefit of military rank, equal pay, or benefits; and

3 WHEREAS, Because of their courageous efforts and
4 determined commitment to their country, women were finally
5 granted attendance to the United States Military Academies in
6 1975 when Congress introduced and passed a law allowing for
7 these highly regarded universities to become coeducational; and

8 WHEREAS, It was a befitting acknowledgement when the
9 Women in Military Service for America Memorial was dedicated
10 at the entrance of Arlington National Cemetery on October 18,
11 1997, as a living memorial honoring all military women, past,
12 present, and future; and

13 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the section of State Highway
14 Route 99 between Hammer Lane and State Highway Route 4 in
15 Stockton, a portion of the named Purple Heart Veteran's Freeway,
16 be designated as the Women Veterans' Highway as a dedication
17 honoring the many women who have valiantly served our country;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, This memorial highway will continue to remind us
20 of the sacrifices made by women in defense of our nation that
21 began over 220 years ago with the American Revolution and
22 continues today; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
25 portion of State Highway Route 99 between Hammer Lane and
26 State Highway Route 4 in Stockton as the Women Veterans'
27 Highway; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested to
29 determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent
30 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
31 showing this special designation and to grant, without charge, the
32 necessary encroachment permits authorizing those plaques and
33 markers to be placed within the right-of-way of State Highway
34 Route 99 between Hammer Lane and State Highway Route 4 in
35 Stockton, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources
36 sufficient to cover their cost, to erect those plaques and markers;
37 and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
2 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
3 author for distribution.

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